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(b) whether the Government will, in view of the prevalence of famine conditions in the district, consider the advisability of appointing special officers to attend to applications for loans?

A.—(a) The Government are not aware that the fact is as stated.

(b) The Government are not aware of the prevalence of famine conditions and do not see the need for appointing special officers for loans work. Under the rules in the Takkavi Manual, Collectors are competent to employ temporary establishments, when necessary, for the speedy disposal of loan applications.

Public Service

Prohibition of Government servants from becoming members of trade unions.

* 613 Q.—Mr. C. GOPALA MENON: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether orders have been passed by the Government prohibiting the Government servants from becoming members of a Trade Union registered under the Indian Trade Unions Act of 1926?

A.—The Government of India have under consideration the question of the registration of associations of Government servants under the Indian Trade Unions Act, 1926, and have informed local Governments that pending a decision on the revision of the rules governing the formation and conduct of such associations, they think it inadvisable that the associations should apply for registration. Till final orders on the subject are received therefrom, the local Government have instructed Government servants not to be members of an association seeking registration as a Trade Union.

Communal representation in the public services.

* 614 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have recently considered the question of communal representation in the public services;

(b) whether they have issued a Government Order on the subject referred to in (a);

(c) whether they will place on the table their decisions on the question referred to in (a); and

(d) whether they have come to a decision on or have under consideration the question of penalising Government servants belonging to a particular community on account of their birth in the matter of promotions?

A.—(a) The question that has been under the consideration of Government is that of the representation of different communities in recruitment to the public services rather than that of their representation in the public services though no doubt recruitment of different communities must eventually lead to those communities being represented in the public service.

(b) Orders have issued regarding recruitment to certain services and are under consideration regarding the rest.

(c) A statement will be placed on the table when the consideration of the subject is complete.

(d) The answer to both clauses of the question is in the negative.

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Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether the orders relate to recruitment alone or whether they relate to promotions also ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS .—" Recruitment, Sir."

Mr K. R. KARANT :—" With reference to clause (*a*), may I ask whether the recruitment includes promotion, whether it means recruitment at every stage, in every grade of the service or only initial recruitment to the service ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I may say, Sir, that in answer to a question put by Mr. Satyamurti, a much fuller statement has been given, and if the hon. Member would wait till it appears on the paper, he will perhaps find his question answered."

Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI :—" I could not hear a syllable of what the hon Revenue Member said, Sir,"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I am sorry I have lost my voice."

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" With reference to the answer just given, I do not find the answer to my supplementary question anywhere in the answers furnished to-day."

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" It is not here."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Is the rule uniformly applied to all services or does it vary in different services ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MAJORIBANKS :—" That again is answered in connexion with the other question."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member is requested to give the number of the other question."

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" It is not yet on the paper. Full information is given there ; if the hon. Member would wait till that question appears on paper, he will have the answers to his questions. I cannot remember now all that is said there."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know whether recruitment here includes also appointment to new cadres or new grades created in the service ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Recruitment is a vague expression ; it may be either recruitment from outside or recruitment in certain services which is done partly by selection from lower subordinate services. Recruitment includes both."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I take it, therefore, in view of the answer of the hon. the Revenue Member, that what the Government is considering is not only the question of initial recruitment as it is usually called, but also weighting the scales in favour of certain communities at the stage where selection grades are made ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I would not say so ; recruitment may be either from outside or from inside the Government service. Recruitment covers both."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I take it, therefore, that recruitment of the latter class is from inside the Government service, from subordinate and other services, to higher grades, and may I ask whether that is also contemplated by Government to be made on communal considerations ?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I have already said that all this is explained in the hon. Member's other question."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Is it open to the Members on the Treasury Bench, Sir, to refer to an answer to a question which is not before the House ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I have only referred to it for the sake of convenience. If the hon. Member presses his question I would ask for notice."

Mr. P. SIVA RAO :—" With reference to the answer to (*b*), may I know which are the services in regard to which orders have been issued ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to the answer to clause (*d*) of the question, may I know whether the answer of the Government meant that no member of any Government service would be penalised on account of his birth in the matter of promotions ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Yes, Sir."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know then, Sir, with reference to an earlier answer, whether the Government by promoting men belonging to a particular community over the heads of several others belonging to another community who may be at least as efficient if not more efficient and loyal to the Government, propose to penalise the latter, to use the words of the phrase in the question, and to deny them the rights which shall accrue to them by efficient and loyal service, on no consideration save that of birth or community ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" The hon. Member begs the question, Sir. It is not a question of promotion but one of recruitment."

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether promotions have not been made in previous years by applying the principle of selection ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Yes."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know, Sir, if these promotions have ever been made on considerations other than those of efficiency and loyalty in service to Government, till now ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I do not suppose these considerations are ignored now."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know if communal considerations are going to be given effect to, whether such considerations had till now governed any—I won't call them appointments, I will call them—promotions, to use the hon. the Revenue Member's phrase, whether till now with regard to any selection grade, the Government of Madras have decided the question on the basis of the community of the individual concerned ? "

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The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" At the instance of this House, this Government accepted the principle in 1922, that the appointments should be made on such considerations. The complaint of the House ever since has been that this has not been carried into practice."

Mr. P. SIVA RAO :—" With reference to (*b*), may I know whether these orders are merely departmental orders or have they taken the form of statutory rules ?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" They are executive orders and not statutory rules."

Khan Bahadur P. KHALIF-UL-LAH SAHIB :—" May I know whether direct recruitment has not been made at different stages in the services, for instance, directly to the district judgeships ?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" There is direct recruitment in certain cases, Sir."

11-15 a.m. *Concession to ex-army men in the Medical Department to count their military service with civil service.*

*615 *Q.*—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the officers of the Covenanted Services are given the concession of counting their military service, if any, with their civil service ;

(*b*) if so, whether ex-army men subsequently recruited to the Judicial department have been or will be conceded the same concessions ; and

(*c*) if not, why not ?

A.—(*a*) The concession of counting military service as civil service for purposes of pay, seniority and pension has been granted to all the All-India Services. In the case of the Indian Civil Service and the Indian Police Service the pay and seniority concessions are granted with reference to the age of the candidates at the time of their entry into the Civil and Police Services. As regards pension, officers of the Indian Civil Service are allowed to count up to two years, while those of the Indian Police Service up to four years In the case of other All-India Services, military service up to a maximum of four years has been allowed to count towards all the three concessions.

(*b*) & (*c*) Provincial Services have been allowed the concession in regard to pension. It has been refused in respect of seniority as it would affect the prospects of men already in service. It is under consideration in respect of pay.

Grant of free quarters or house allowance to Government clerks in big towns.

*616 *Q.*—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that clerks of various Government departments working in big towns are put to inconvenience on account of the high rates of house-rent and of the long distance in many cases from their houses to their offices ;